

High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC

October 19, 2006

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: High Prairie II 161 kV Transmission Line and 161 kV Substation

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, this letter serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC has elected to seek local approval for the construction of a new 161 kV substation and 161 kV transmission line in Mower County, Minnesota.

The proposed substation and transmission line would be located in Clayton Township in Mower County. High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC will own the substation and transmission line. The new facilities will bring wind energy from the High Prairie Wind Farm II to market, thus enabling Great River Energy, the power purchaser, to meet its renewable energy obligation. A fact sheet that provides more detail on the project is enclosed.

High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC submitted a Conditional Use Permit application to Mower County on October 13, 2006. Mower County has been informed that they have 60 days to refer the permitting process to the PUC.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Daryl Franklin, Director, Mower County Environmental Services, (507) 437-9560 or darylfr@co.mower.mn.us, or me at (713) 265-0249 or bob.crowell@horizonwind.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,



Robert Crowell

Enclosure

CC: General List of Interested Persons – w/encl.
Bob Cupid, PUC – w/encl.
Larry Hartman, Department of Commerce – w/encl.
Deborah Pile, Department of Commerce – w/encl.

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PROPOSED PROJECT

High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC proposes to construct, operate, maintain, and own a new 161 kV substation in Section 10 of Clayton Township in Mower County, Minnesota. The company also proposes to construct, operate, maintain, and own a new 161 kV transmission line between two and three miles in length. The alternating current transmission line will connect the proposed High Prairie Wind Farm II, currently under review by the PUC for a Certificate of Need, to the Mower County Substation in Section 23 of Clayton Township. From here, the power will be transmitted to the Adams Substation via an existing seven-mile 161 kV transmission line.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The proposed 161 kV HVTL is intended to connect power produced from the proposed High Prairie Wind Farm II to the grid by connecting the proposed Substation to the Mower County Substation. The Applicant has executed an interconnection agreement with Alliant Energy and the Midwest Independent System Operator to interconnect at Adams Substation. The Wind Farm will supply power to Great River Energy that was solicited through GRE's 2005 Renewables Request For Proposals. The major benefit of this transmission line and substation is that they will deliver power that is needed by Great River Energy in order to meet the Renewable Energy Objective.

PERMITTING AND SCHEDULING

High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC is applying for necessary permits from Mower County and will assist in the preparation of the required environmental assessment. The project will operate at the nominal voltage of 161 kV and is regulated under the Power Plant Siting Act. A provision of this law allows the utility to seek local approval, which High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC has elected to do.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 4400.5000 Subp. 5, an environmental assessment must be prepared for the Project, and the public must have an opportunity to participate in the development of the scope of the environmental assessment. The Applicant has developed a draft scope to share with the public, which is enclosed. The Mower County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments in regard to the scope of the environmental assessment at their meeting on October 31, 2006, at 7:00 PM in the basement of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

CONTACTS

Questions or concerns should be directed to:

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Project Location

